

Reading Shade Tree Commission Meeting
February 6th, 2012

Present: K Zeiber, D Ruyak, K Christman, D Moodhart, L Slifko, R Reimer

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

Permits for 4 removals were issued last month.

D Ruyak attended a Shade Tree Symposium in Lancaster last month at a cost of \$285.

Update on current hazard trees: there were 46 notices sent in January. To date 34 have not complied and will be sent final notices so they may included in the Spring Hazard Tree Removal Project.

Spring tree planting is scheduled for April 14th and students from Albright and Alvernia are expected to assist in this project. Greater Young Professionals have also shown interest. The possible Tree Vitalize sites for planting are Yarnell Park and Orange and Cherry playground. 3 – 5 trees will be planted.

Planting trees along 6th Street is still being pursued with property owner Mr. Yeager.

Nigel Walker (Reading Beautification) is looking for funding and permission to create a park at the corner of 6th and Spring Sts. Discussion occurred regarding liability, funding and Mr. Yeager who owns the property must still be considered. These are two separate projects.

D Ruyak will look into the possibility of purchasing a tree planting hole-borer and fork attachment for a machine the City owns called a "Dingo" to assist the RSTC in tree planting and handling.

Since the "Bucket Truck" which is now exclusively used by the RSTC is aging and will soon need major repairs if not total replacement, the Commission has decided that ALL money received as repayment from property owners that had trees removed should be put into a Capital Reserve Fund to take care of the repair or replacement of this very expensive piece of equipment.

Meeting Adjourned.

R Reimer,
vice/chair